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SUBJECT: TURKISH TROOP REDUCTIONS ON CYPRUS

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1. OUR CAPABILITY TO MONITOR CHANGES IN TURKISH MILITARY STRENGTH ON CYPRUS IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. WE RELY MAINLY ON UNFICYP AND UK HICOM MILITARY ATTACHE (WHO HAVE ACCESS TO SOME INFORMATION FROM BRITISH SBAS). TRAVEL BY ALL FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES ON ISLAND INCLUDING USDATT VERY RESTRICTED AND IN ANY EVENT COULD NOT COME CLOSE TO CHECKING CONTINUOUSLY ALL POINTS OF ENTRY/EXIT FROM TURKISH-CONTROLLED ZONE.

2. WITH ABOVE AS CAVEAT, WE ESTIMATE THAT FIGURE OF 5,000 TURKISH TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM CYPRUS IN RECENT WEEKS IS AN EXAGGERATION. FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER 2 - 9, 1974, BRITISH REPORT 5,800 TURKISH MILITARY DEPARTED ISLAND AND 3,600 MOVED IN FOR NET LOSS OF 2,200. UNFICYP CARRIES FIGURE BASED UPON OBSERVATIONS OF FAMAGUSTA PORT ALONE OF NET REDUCTION BETWEEN 1,500 AND 2,000. UNFICYP IS
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ALMOST AS MUCH IN DARK AS WE BUT PROMISES IT WILL MAKE GREATER

EFFORT TO JUDGE STRENGTH CHANGES, PARTICULARLY IN KYRENIA AND
KARAVASTOSI PORT AREAS, WHICH HERETOFORE HAVE HAD MINIMAL OBSERVATION

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3. TURK CYPRIOT PIO IS BRIEFING FOREIGN PRESS (INCLUDING ABC/TV)
TO EFFECT THAT APPROXIMATELY 5,000 TURKISH TROOPS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN
WITHIN LAST TWO WEEKS. HE MADE NO MENTION OF ANY REPLACEMENTS.
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